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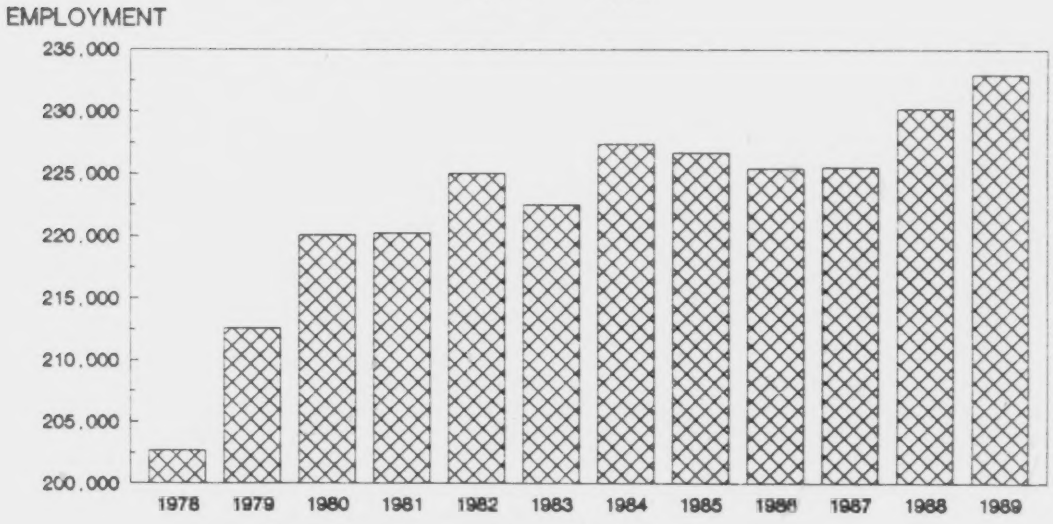

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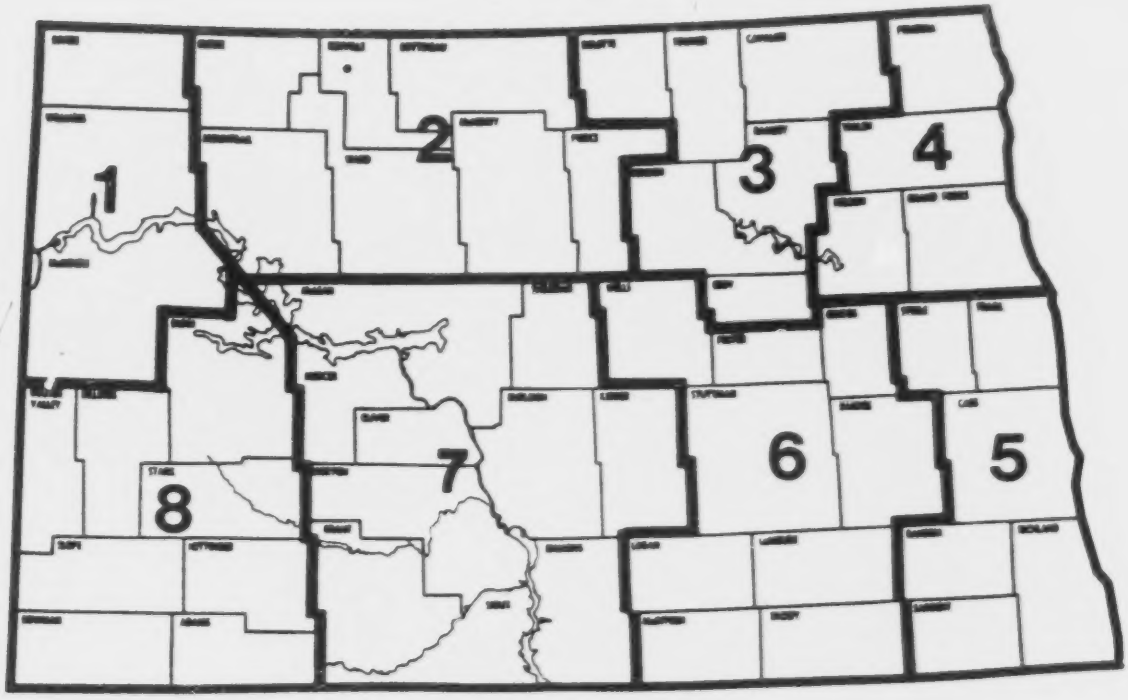

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COVERED EMPLOYMENT AND WAGES

FIRST QUARTER 1989

In May, we reported a milestone had been reached in the fourth quarter 1988. For the first time, North Dakota employers covered by unemployment insurance paid their workers over a **billion** dollars in wages in one quarter. (The total was $1,035,416,179.)

Recently, the report of covered employment and wages was produced for the first quarter of 1989. The figures conveyed both good news and bad news, but, we might add, neither came as a surprise, based on historic trends.

Since 1978, total wages in the first quarter of the year have always been the lowest in the year. Conversely, earnings in the fourth quarter have always been the highest. In addition, wages have always dropped from the fourth quarter of the previous year to the first quarter of the succeeding year. These decreases have ranged from 6% to 9%. The decline from the billion dollar figure in 88/4 to $959,485,304 in 89/1 reflects a decrease of 7.3%. This falls at the mid-point of the range that has been experienced in the past 10 years.

A large decrease in wages can be directly attributed to the seasonal drop in employment. Construction employment declined by over 3,200 from the previous quarter and wages in the industry fell by nearly $23 million. Employment in retail trade, following the holiday season, dropped by 2,065 and earnings in the industry fell by nearly $10 million. The second largest decrease in wages, however, occurred in the services industry with a drop of $21.4 million. Many establishments in the services industry, especially those providing professional services such as medical, legal, engineering and accounting, pay their staff members a fixed wage during the year. However, it is not unusual for these firms to reward key employees at the end of the year, based on the profits of the company. To illustrate this point, employment in the services industry dropped by only 0.7% between 88/4 and 89/1, while total wages declined by 9.1%. This reflects a return to normal following a distribution of profits in the fourth quarter.

While wages and employment were down over the previous quarter, there was positive growth compared to the first quarter 1988. Average quarterly employment edged up by 2,751 to reach 233,001. The small gain, however, is an aspect that should be addressed. The **rate** of growth has been dropping. Although it is an improvement to the declining employment experienced in 1984 through 1986, the growth rate peaked at 2.1% in 87/4 and 88/1. The over-the-year increases were 1.8%, 1.6%, 1.4% and 1.2% respectively for the past four quarters.

While the rate of employment growth was slowly declining, the wages earned by these workers did not directly follow the changes. Total current earnings were over 4.0% greater when compared with the comparable quarters in 88/3 and 88/4, but the rate of growth dropped to 2.8% in 89/1 when compared with earnings in 88/1. In fact, the growth rate for total earnings was the slowest experienced in the past seven quarters.

With both employment and earnings moving up, but at different rates, a third area to consider is the average monthly earnings per job. The average in today's dollars was $1,373.65 in 89/1, just a dollar greater than the average of $1,372.65 in 88/1. In deflated dollars (dollars adjusted based on the Consumer Price Index), the average monthly earnings dropped from $1,180.50 to $1,126.40 over the year. The decreases in average monthly earnings are affected by the more extensive use of part-time workers. The reduced earnings of these workers reduces the average monthly earnings of all workers.

While the foregoing information does not portray a booming economy, the figures must be viewed in the proper perspective. Although growth in employment is not as strong as we would like to see, it is moving in the right direction. This is a positive sign and an improvement over our experience of just a few years ago. Other factors also enter the picture. Although difficult to measure, the drought of 1988 certainly had an effect on employment and wages in the state. We look for improvement in the farm sector, and when this occurs, growth in other sectors will follow.

While it would be ideal to see steady progress in employment and wages, this is not realistic. Forecasts usually depict a smooth trend line. However, experience shows the rate of change will vary. The main point to keep in mind is that North Dakota is still experiencing growth. Hopefully, this trend will continue and improve as the year progresses.

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NONAGRICULTURAL WAGE AND SALARY EMPLOYMENT

NORTH DAKOTA

(ROUNDED TO FIFTY)

I N D U S T R I E S	CURRENT MONTH JULY 1989	PREVIOUS MONTH JUNE 1989	ONE YEAR AGO JULY 1988	CHANGE FROM: LAST MONTH JUNE 1989	CHANGE FROM: LAST YEAR JULY 1988
TOTAL	259,650	263,150	257,750	-1.3%	0.7%
MINING	4,150	4,200	4,500	-1.2%	-7.8%
COAL	1,100	1,100	1,100	0.0%	0.0%
CRUDE PET. & NAT. GAS	2,500	2,600	2,900	-3.8%	-13.8%
OTHER MINING	550	500	500	10.0%	10.0%
CONSTRUCTION	12,000	11,600	12,300	3.4%	-2.4%
BUILDING CONSTRUCTION	3,100	3,000	3,100	3.3%	0.0%
STREET HIGHWAY & HEAVY	3,300	3,100	3,400	6.5%	-2.9%
SPECIAL TRADE CONSTRUCTION	5,600	5,500	5,800	1.8%	-3.4%
MANUFACTURING	16,100	16,400	16,400	-1.8%	-1.8%
DURABLE GOODS	8,050	8,100	7,550	-0.6%	6.6%
STONE, CLAY & GLASS	750	750	800	0.0%	-6.3%
PRIMARY & FAB. METALS	950	950	900	0.0%	5.6%
MACHINERY & TRANS. EQUIP.	4,900	4,900	4,600	0.0%	6.5%
OTHER DURABLE GOODS	1,450	1,500	1,250	-3.3%	16.0%
NONDURABLE GOODS	8,050	8,300	8,850	-3.0%	-9.0%
FOOD & KINDRED PRODUCTS	3,850	4,100	4,350	-6.1%	-11.5%
DAIRY PRODUCTS	750	750	800	0.0%	-6.3%
FOOD SPECIALITIES & CONFECTIONERY PRODUCTS	750	1,050	1,250	-28.6%	-40.0%
BAKERY PRODUCTS	500	500	450	0.0%	11.1%
OTHER FOOD & KINDRED	1,850	1,800	1,850	2.8%	0.0%
PRINTING & PUBLISHING	2,400	2,400	2,400	0.0%	0.0%
OTHER NONDURABLE GOODS	1,800	1,800	2,100	0.0%	-14.3%
TRANS. COMM. & UTILITIES	17,300	17,300	16,800	0.0%	3.0%
TRANSPORTATION	8,900	8,900	8,500	0.0%	4.7%
TRUCKING & WAREHOUSE	5,100	5,200	5,000	-1.9%	2.0%
OTHER TRANSPORTATION	3,800	3,700	3,500	2.7%	8.6%
COMMUNICATION	3,600	3,600	3,500	0.0%	2.9%
UTILITIES	4,800	4,800	4,800	0.0%	0.0%

NONAGRICULTURAL WAGE AND SALARY EMPLOYMENT

NORTH DAKOTA

(Continued)

I N D U S T R I E S	CURRENT MONTH JULY 1989	PREVIOUS MONTH JUNE 1989	ONE YEAR AGO JULY 1988	CHANGE FROM: LAST MONTH JUNE 1989	CHANGE FROM: LAST YEAR JULY 1988
WHOLESALE TRADE	19,500	19,600	19,800	-0.5%	-1.5%
DURABLE GOODS	9,200	9,200	9,200	0.0%	0.0%
NONDURABLE GOODS	10,300	10,400	10,600	-1.0%	-2.8%
RETAIL TRADE	50,400	50,500	49,500	-0.2%	1.8%
GENERAL MERCHANDISE	6,300	6,300	6,200	0.0%	1.6%
FOOD STORES	7,300	7,300	6,800	0.0%	7.4%
AUTO DEALERS & SERVICE ST.	6,600	6,600	6,800	0.0%	-2.9%
APPAREL & ACCESSORIES	2,600	2,600	2,600	0.0%	0.0%
OTHER RETAIL	27,600	27,700	27,100	-0.4%	1.8%
FINANCE, INS. & REAL ESTATE	12,200	12,350	12,450	-1.2%	-2.0%
FINANCE	6,500	6,600	6,600	-1.5%	-1.5%
BANKING	4,100	4,100	4,100	0.0%	0.0%
OTHER FINANCE	2,400	2,500	2,500	-4.0%	-4.0%
INSURANCE	3,900	3,900	4,000	0.0%	-2.5%
REAL ESTATE	1,800	1,850	1,850	-2.7%	-2.7%
SERVICES	65,700	65,900	64,000	-0.3%	2.7%
LODGING	4,400	4,400	4,300	0.0%	2.3%
HEALTH SERVICES	27,700	27,800	27,000	-0.4%	2.6%
NURSING CARE & HOSPITALS	20,100	20,200	19,800	-0.5%	1.5%
OTHER MEDICAL SERVICES	7,600	7,600	7,200	0.0%	5.6%
OTHER SERVICES	33,600	33,700	32,700	-0.3%	2.8%
GOVERNMENT	62,300	65,300	62,000	-4.6%	0.5%
FEDERAL	10,400	10,400	10,300	0.0%	1.0%
STATE GOVERNMENT	17,800	18,800	17,800	-5.3%	0.0%
EDUCATIONAL SERVICES	10,300	11,300	10,200	-8.8%	1.0%
OTHER STATE GOVERNMENT	7,500	7,500	7,600	0.0%	-1.3%
LOCAL GOVERNMENT	34,100	36,100	33,900	-5.5%	0.6%
EDUCATIONAL SERVICES	14,000	16,300	13,800	-14.1%	1.4%
OTHER LOCAL GOVERNMENT	20,100	19,800	20,100	1.5%	0.0%

NONAGRICULTURAL

WAGE AND SALARY EMPLOYMENT

INDUSTRIES	CURRENT MONTH	PREVIOUS MONTH	ONE YEAR AGO	CHANGE FROM: LAST MONTH	CHANGE FROM: LAST YEAR
FARGO-MOORHEAD MSA	JULY 1989	JUNE 1989	JULY 1988	JUNE 1989	JULY 1988
TOTAL	73,700	74,900	70,800	-1.6%	4.1%
MINING CONSTRUCTION	4,100	4,000	4,100	2.5%	0.0%
MANUFACTURING	5,200	5,200	4,800	0.0%	8.3%
DURABLE GOODS	2,300	2,300	2,100	0.0%	9.5%
NONDURABLE GOODS	2,900	2,900	2,700	0.0%	7.4%
TRANS., COMM. & UTILITIES	4,900	4,900	4,700	0.0%	4.3%
TRADE	21,900	22,100	21,400	-0.9%	2.3%
WHOLESALE TRADE	7,000	7,000	6,800	0.0%	2.9%
RETAIL TRADE	14,900	15,100	14,600	-1.3%	2.1%
FINANCE, INS. & REAL ESTATE	4,500	4,500	4,500	0.0%	0.0%
SERVICES	20,400	20,300	19,400	0.5%	5.2%
GOVERNMENT	12,700	13,900	11,900	-8.6%	6.7%
FEDERAL	2,100	2,100	2,100	0.0%	0.0%
STATE & LOCAL	10,600	11,800	9,800	-10.2%	8.2%
GRAND FORKS MSA					
TOTAL	29,750	30,100	29,550	-1.2%	0.7%
MINING & CONSTRUCTION	1,550	1,500	1,600	3.3%	-3.1%
MANUFACTURING	1,350	1,650	1,700	-18.2%	-20.6%
TRANS., COMM. & UTILITIES	1,650	1,650	1,650	0.0%	0.0%
TRADE	8,850	8,850	8,550	0.0%	3.5%
WHOLESALE TRADE	1,550	1,550	1,550	0.0%	0.0%
RETAIL TRADE	7,300	7,300	7,000	0.0%	4.3%
FINANCE, INS. & REAL ESTATE	1,150	1,150	1,150	0.0%	0.0%
SERVICES	6,900	6,900	6,700	0.0%	3.0%
GOVERNMENT	8,300	8,400	8,200	-1.2%	1.2%
BISMARCK MSA					
TOTAL	38,900	39,150	37,750	-0.6%	3.0%
MINING	200	200	200	0.0%	0.0%
CONSTRUCTION	1,750	1,700	1,800	2.9%	-2.8%
MANUFACTURING	2,300	2,300	2,200	0.0%	4.5%
TRANS., COMM. & UTILITIES	2,700	2,700	2,700	0.0%	0.0%
TRADE	10,400	10,400	10,000	0.0%	4.0%
WHOLESALE TRADE	2,200	2,200	2,200	0.0%	0.0%
RETAIL TRADE	8,200	8,200	7,800	0.0%	5.1%
FINANCE, INS. & REAL ESTATE	1,550	1,550	1,650	0.0%	-6.1%
SERVICES	11,500	11,600	10,800	-0.9%	6.5%
GOVERNMENT	8,500	8,700	8,400	-2.3%	1.2%

LABOR FORCE

NORTH DAKOTA AND MSA'S

	July 1989	June 1989	July 1988	Percent Change From June 1989	Percent Change From July 1988
UNITED STATES (In Thousands)					
Labor Force	125,622	125,768	123,331	-0.1%	1.9%
Employment	119,125	119,207	116,707	-0.1%	2.1%
Unemployment	6,497	6,561	6,624	-1.0%	-1.9%
Unemployment Rate	5.2%	5.2%	5.4%	xxx	xxx
NORTH DAKOTA					
Labor Force	341,360	340,670	342,210	0.2%	-0.2%
Employment	328,320	325,160	327,170	1.0%	0.4%
Unemployment	13,040	15,510	15,040	-15.9%	-13.3%
Unemployment Rate	3.8%	4.6%	4.4%	xxx	xxx
FARGO-MOORHEAD MSA					
Labor Force	86,950	86,510	85,110	0.5%	2.2%
Employment	84,760	84,070	82,660	0.8%	2.5%
Unemployment	2,190	2,440	2,450	-10.2%	-10.6%
Unemployment Rate	2.5%	2.8%	2.9%	xxx	xxx
GRAND FORKS MSA					
Labor Force	35,450	35,280	35,500	0.5%	-0.1%
Employment	33,930	33,750	33,990	0.5%	-0.2%
Unemployment	1,520	1,530	1,510	-0.7%	0.7%
Unemployment Rate	4.3%	4.3%	4.2%	xxx	xxx
BISMARCK MSA					
Labor Force	47,740	47,720	47,070	0.0%	1.4%
Employment	46,040	45,420	44,940	1.4%	2.4%
Unemployment	1,700	2,300	2,130	-26.1%	-20.2%
Unemployment Rate	3.6%	4.8%	4.5%	xxx	xxx

U. S. data seasonally adjusted, other data not seasonally adjusted.

The Fargo-Moorhead Metropolitan Statistical Area (MSA) includes Cass and Clay Counties; the Grand Forks MSA includes Grand Forks County; and the Bismarck MSA includes Burleigh and Morton Counties.

BORDERING STATE LABOR FORCE COMPARISONS

JUNE 1989
(In Thousands)

	NORTH DAKOTA	SOUTH DAKOTA	MINNESOTA	MONTANA
Labor Force	340.7	373.0	2,368.3	409.1
Employment	325.2	357.2	2,253.3	384.7
Unemployment	15.5	15.8	115.0	24.4
Unemployment Rate	4.6%	4.2%	4.9%	6.0%

UNITED STATES

MANUFACTURING HOURS AND EARNINGS

INDUSTRY	Average Weekly Earnings			Average Weekly Hours			Average Hourly Earnings		
	July 1989	June 1989	July 1988	July 1989	June 1989	July 1988	July 1989	June 1989	July 1988
Manufacturing	424.04	429.08	413.51	40.5	41.1	40.7	10.47	10.44	10.16
Durable Goods	449.49	457.87	439.60	40.9	41.7	41.2	10.99	10.98	10.67
Nondurable Goods	390.80	390.51	377.06	40.0	40.3	39.9	9.77	9.69	9.45

NORTH DAKOTA

MANUFACTURING HOURS AND EARNINGS

INDUSTRY	Average Weekly Earnings			Average Weekly Hours			Average Hourly Earnings		
	July 1989	June 1989	July 1988	July 1989	June 1989	July 1988	July 1989	June 1989	July 1988
Manufacturing	358.09	356.00	330.91	40.1	40.0	39.3	8.93	8.90	8.42
Durable Goods	390.35	390.08	362.37	42.2	42.4	41.7	9.25	9.20	8.69
Nondurable Goods	322.81	320.14	302.81	37.8	37.4	37.2	8.54	8.56	8.14
Food & Kindred	341.94	326.14	318.00	41.0	39.2	39.7	8.34	8.32	8.01
Printing and Publishing	286.08	278.97	280.45	31.3	31.1	31.3	9.14	8.97	8.96

FARGO-MOORHEAD MSA

MANUFACTURING HOURS AND EARNINGS

INDUSTRY	Average Weekly Earnings			Average Weekly Hours			Average Hourly Earnings		
	July 1989	June 1989	July 1988	July 1989	June 1989	July 1988	July 1989	June 1989	July 1988
Manufacturing	356.31	343.69	330.12	39.9	39.1	39.3	8.93	8.79	8.40
Durable Goods	375.30	368.94	315.20	41.7	41.5	40.0	9.00	8.89	7.88
Nondurable Goods	338.96	320.66	341.33	38.3	36.9	38.7	8.85	8.69	8.82

U. S. CONSUMER PRICE INDEX

(1982-84=100) ALL URBAN CONSUMERS

ITEM	Annual Average 1988	July 1989	June 1989	July 1988	Percent Change From June 1989	Percent Change From July 1988
All Items	118.3	124.4	124.1	118.5	0.2%	5.0%
Food & Beverage	118.2	125.4	124.9	118.8	0.4%	5.6%
Housing	118.5	123.9	122.9	119.1	0.8%	4.0%
Apparel & Upkeep	115.4	115.0	117.8	112.7	-2.4%	2.0%
Transportation	108.7	115.4	115.9	108.9	-0.4%	6.0%
Medical Care	138.6	149.7	148.5	139.3	0.8%	7.5%
Entertainment	120.3	126.9	126.2	120.5	0.6%	5.3%

PRODUCER PRICE INDEX

UNITED STATES AVERAGE

ITEM	Annual Average 1988	July 1989	June 1989	July 1988	Percent Change From June 1989	Percent Change From July 1988
All Commodities	106.9	112.7	112.8	107.9	-0.1%	4.4%
Farm Products & Processed Foods and Feeds	110.0	115.4	115.2	112.9	0.2%	2.2%
Industrial Commodities	106.3	112.2	112.3	106.8	-0.1%	5.1%

LABOR FORCE - BY COUNTY - BY REGION

	LABOR FORCE			EMPLOYMENT			UNEMPLOYMENT			RATE		
	July 1989	June 1989	July 1988	July 1989	June 1989	July 1988	July 1989	June 1989	July 1988	July 1989	June 1989	July 1988
Divide	1,356	1,454	1,518	1,327	1,409	1,467	29	45	51	2.1%	3.1%	3.4%
McKenzie	2,961	2,974	3,024	2,863	2,843	2,900	98	131	124	3.3%	4.4%	4.1%
Williams	12,567	12,133	12,488	12,015	11,569	11,972	552	564	516	4.4%	4.6%	4.1%
REGION 1	16,884	16,561	17,030	16,205	15,821	16,339	679	740	691	4.0%	4.5%	4.1%
Bottineau	3,547	3,726	3,690	3,419	3,538	3,490	128	188	200	3.6%	5.0%	5.4%
Burke	1,218	1,215	1,288	1,172	1,156	1,229	46	59	59	3.8%	4.9%	4.6%
McHenry	2,458	2,540	2,649	2,258	2,269	2,397	200	271	252	8.1%	10.7%	9.5%
Mountrail	3,291	3,324	3,389	3,082	3,074	3,158	209	250	231	6.4%	7.5%	6.8%
Pierce	2,555	2,603	2,708	2,503	2,528	2,628	52	75	80	2.0%	2.9%	3.0%
Renville	1,271	1,234	1,297	1,223	1,172	1,237	48	62	60	3.8%	5.0%	4.6%
Ward	27,721	27,527	28,015	26,660	26,240	26,783	1,061	1,287	1,232	3.8%	4.7%	4.4%
REGION 2	42,061	42,169	43,036	40,317	39,977	40,922	1,744	2,192	2,114	4.1%	5.2%	4.9%
Benson	4,510	4,595	3,710	4,297	4,296	3,493	213	299	217	4.7%	6.5%	5.8%
Cavalier	2,963	2,871	2,966	2,843	2,718	2,842	120	153	124	4.0%	5.3%	4.2%
Eddy	1,478	1,518	1,506	1,400	1,424	1,408	78	94	98	5.3%	6.2%	6.5%
Ramsey	6,807	6,825	7,026	6,631	6,580	6,760	176	245	266	2.6%	3.6%	3.8%
Rolette	4,350	4,366	4,787	3,536	3,439	3,820	814	927	967	18.7%	21.2%	20.2%
Towner	1,687	1,698	1,824	1,657	1,653	1,774	30	45	50	1.8%	2.7%	2.7%
REGION 3	21,795	21,873	21,819	20,364	20,110	20,097	1,431	1,763	1,722	6.6%	8.1%	7.9%
Grand Forks	35,447	35,280	35,494	33,931	33,746	33,987	1,516	1,534	1,507	4.3%	4.3%	4.2%
Nelson	1,933	1,953	2,030	1,869	1,867	1,950	64	86	80	3.3%	4.4%	3.9%
Pembina	6,224	5,855	6,172	5,767	5,326	5,575	457	529	597	7.3%	9.0%	9.7%
Walsh	8,269	8,250	8,578	7,890	7,801	8,139	379	449	439	4.6%	5.4%	5.1%
REGION 4	51,873	51,338	52,274	49,457	48,740	49,651	2,416	2,598	2,623	4.7%	5.1%	5.0%
Cass	61,650	61,400	59,919	60,346	59,968	58,368	1,304	1,432	1,551	2.1%	2.3%	2.6%
Ransom	2,952	2,915	2,974	2,895	2,848	2,892	57	67	82	1.9%	2.3%	2.8%
Richland	9,073	9,017	9,329	8,699	8,657	8,924	374	360	405	4.1%	4.0%	4.3%
Sargent	3,044	3,019	2,944	2,965	2,914	2,894	79	105	50	2.6%	3.5%	1.7%
Steele	1,250	1,214	1,277	1,205	1,161	1,238	45	53	39	3.6%	4.4%	3.1%
Traill	4,674	4,726	4,662	4,475	4,532	4,435	199	194	227	4.3%	4.1%	4.9%
REGION 5	82,643	82,291	81,105	80,585	80,080	78,751	2,058	2,211	2,354	2.5%	2.7%	2.9%

LABOR FORCE - BY COUNTY - BY REGION

	LABOR FORCE			EMPLOYMENT			UNEMPLOYMENT			RATE		
	July 1989	June 1989	July 1988	July 1989	June 1989	July 1988	July 1989	June 1989	July 1988	July 1989	June 1989	July 1988
Barnes	5,589	5,708	6,018	5,417	5,488	5,794	172	220	224	3.1%	3.9%	3.7%
Dickey	3,128	3,192	3,319	3,063	3,093	3,218	65	99	101	2.1%	3.1%	3.0%
Foster	2,317	2,300	2,289	2,258	2,220	2,214	59	80	75	2.5%	3.5%	3.3%
Griggs	1,734	1,735	1,665	1,686	1,681	1,626	48	54	39	2.8%	3.1%	2.3%
La Moure	2,443	2,407	2,517	2,378	2,327	2,432	65	80	85	2.7%	3.3%	3.4%
Logan	1,592	1,598	1,579	1,569	1,561	1,535	23	37	44	1.4%	2.3%	2.8%
McIntosh	2,452	2,478	2,420	2,412	2,421	2,382	40	57	38	1.6%	2.3%	1.6%
Stutsman	13,030	12,908	12,976	12,614	12,478	12,508	416	430	468	3.2%	3.3%	3.6%
Wells	2,914	2,882	3,013	2,779	2,707	2,867	135	175	146	4.6%	6.1%	4.8%
REGION 6	35,199	35,208	35,796	34,176	33,976	34,576	1,023	1,232	1,220	2.9%	3.5%	3.4%
Burleigh	34,752	34,760	34,276	33,649	33,192	32,841	1,103	1,568	1,435	3.2%	4.5%	4.2%
Emmons	2,291	2,313	2,325	2,193	2,194	2,239	98	119	86	4.3%	5.1%	3.7%
Grant	1,924	1,928	2,005	1,846	1,810	1,926	78	118	79	4.1%	6.1%	3.9%
Kidder	1,657	1,664	1,607	1,570	1,559	1,538	87	105	69	5.3%	6.3%	4.3%
McLean	4,339	4,594	4,616	4,076	4,259	4,326	263	335	290	6.1%	7.3%	6.3%
Mercer	6,168	6,340	6,224	5,845	5,889	5,860	323	451	364	5.2%	7.1%	5.8%
Morton	12,987	12,952	12,795	12,393	12,225	12,096	594	727	699	4.6%	5.6%	5.5%
Oliver	1,451	1,363	1,439	1,390	1,296	1,351	61	67	88	4.2%	4.9%	6.1%
Sheridan	1,246	1,235	1,280	1,204	1,179	1,224	42	56	56	3.4%	4.5%	4.4%
Sioux	1,243	1,262	1,233	1,007	1,026	1,043	236	236	190	19.0%	18.7%	15.4%
REGION 7	68,058	68,411	67,800	65,173	64,629	64,444	2,885	3,782	3,356	4.2%	5.5%	4.9%
Adams	1,834	1,765	1,883	1,796	1,717	1,846	38	48	37	2.1%	2.7%	2.0%
Billings	1,201	1,155	1,218	1,176	1,122	1,187	25	33	31	2.1%	2.9%	2.5%
Bowman	2,205	2,224	2,266	2,142	2,168	2,196	63	56	70	2.9%	2.5%	3.1%
Dunn	1,807	1,728	1,862	1,677	1,588	1,705	130	140	157	7.2%	8.1%	8.4%
Golden Valley	1,268	1,206	1,201	1,248	1,174	1,159	20	32	42	1.6%	2.7%	3.5%
Hettinger	1,852	1,886	1,949	1,800	1,803	1,870	52	83	79	2.8%	4.4%	4.1%
Slope	554	508	549	536	476	523	18	32	26	3.2%	6.3%	4.7%
Stark	12,130	12,354	12,425	11,668	11,782	11,903	462	572	522	3.8%	4.6%	4.2%
REGION 8	22,851	22,826	23,353	22,043	21,830	22,389	808	996	964	3.5%	4.4%	4.1%
STATE TOTAL	341,357	340,675	342,212	328,315	325,163	327,169	13,042	15,512	15,043	3.8%	4.6%	4.4%

D E F I N I T I O N S

EMPLOYED: A count of individuals 16 years of age or older who worked for pay any time during the week which includes the 12th of the month or who worked unpaid for 15 hours or more in a family-operated enterprise. Members of the Armed Forces stationed in the United States are included in the U.S. totals, but are excluded from the North Dakota and MSA counts.

UNEMPLOYED: Includes all individuals who did not work during the survey week, but were available for work, except for temporary illness, and had looked for jobs within the preceding four weeks.

LABOR FORCE: The sum of the employed and the unemployed.

UNEMPLOYMENT RATE: The number of unemployed as a percent of the total labor force.

CONSUMER PRICE INDEX: A monthly statistical measure of the average change in prices in a fixed market basket of goods and services. Though the CPI is often called the "Cost of Living Index," it measures only price change, which is just one of several important factors affecting living costs. The index is produced by the Bureau of Labor Statistics, U.S. Department of Labor.

PRODUCER PRICE INDEX: This index measures the average changes in prices received in primary markets of the United States by producers of commodities in all states of processing. The index is produced by the Bureau of Labor Statistics, U.S. Department of Labor.

NONAGRICULTURAL WAGE AND SALARY EMPLOYMENT: An estimate of all full- and part-time wage and salary employees who worked during, or received pay for, the pay period which includes the 12th of the month. Estimates measure the number of jobs by industry and reflect employment by place of work.

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